

Region 3 Shale Gas Salient Issues

Compilation For Week Ending Dec. 30, 2011

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EPA Region III Reaches Safe Drinking Water Act Settlement with EXCO Resources (PA), LLC, includes \$159,624 Penalty. [Docket No. SDWA-03-2012-0061] On December 22, 2011, EPA Region III reached a settlement with EXCO Resources (PA), LLC (“EXCO”). The Administrative Consent Agreement and Final Order (“CAFO”) both initiates and resolves Safe Drinking Water Act violations at the Irvin A-19 Brine Disposal Well located at Brady Field in Bell Township, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania. Under the terms of the CAFO, EXCO is required to pay a civil penalty of \$159,624. The CAFO also requires compliance with EXCO’s Underground Injection Control Permit and imposes stricter operating and reporting requirements. This action advances the agency’s goal of protecting public health by preventing injection wells from contaminating underground sources of drinking water. This CAFO will be put out for public notice for 40 days. **Primary Contact: Zachary Moor, (215) 814-2654, Additional Contact: Roger Reinhart, (215) 814-5462**

HSCD

Incident-Specific RICT Activation – The Hazardous Site Cleanup Division (HSCD) Deputy Director is activating an incident-specific Regional Incident Coordination Team (RICT) to coordinate decisions and implement activities related to drinking water concerns involving Marcellus Shale drilling in Dimock, PA. The decision to activate the RICT was made after a briefing was held for the EPA Administrator on December 16 giving her options on how to address concerned citizens’ requests for federal help to ensure their drinking water is safe. The incident-specific RICT will meet on Thursday, December 22, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Regional Response Center (RRC). (J. Goodwin, 4-5381)

CALENDAR (Access Links on Face the Play)

Description: Webinar: Municipality's Roles, Water Use, & Protections

Date & Time: March 15, 2012 from 1:00 to 2:15pm

Host: Penn State Extension College of Agricultural Sciences

Audience: All

Agenda: <http://extension.psu.edu/naturalgas/events/webinar-municipalities-roles-water-use-and-protections>

Description: Webinar: Transportation Patterns and Impacts from Marcellus Development

Date & Time: February 16, 2012 from 1:00 to 2:15pm

Host: Penn State Extension College of Agricultural Sciences

Audience: All

Agenda: <http://extension.psu.edu/naturalgas/events/webinar-transportation-of-materials-for-natural-gas-development>

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Description: Webinar: Seismic Testing: What's It All About?

Date & Time: January 19, 2012 from 1:00 to 2:15pm

Host: Penn State Extension College of Agricultural Sciences

Audience: All

Agenda: <http://extension.psu.edu/naturalgas/events/webinar-seismic-testing>

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